



TUESDAY EVENING, NOV. 9, 1897.

THE PLATFORM of the democratic party adopted at Chicago contained the following words: "We denounce arbitrary interference by federal authority in local affairs as a violation of the Constitution of the United States and a crime against free institutions." That declaration was the chief reason assigned by the mugwumps and bolters for calling the men who endorsed the platform, "anarchists." Of course it was no reason at all, and was scouted by every man familiar with the Constitution, and exhibited entire ignorance of that instrument by those who offered it; but if anybody still has any doubts upon the subject, the perusal of a little pamphlet, just written by Mr. Heber J. May, one of the leading members of the Washington bar, entitled: What is the Authority of the United States, or of the President, to use the military power of the federal government under the Constitution? each and all of them will be entirely and effectually removed in less than half an hour; and that too through the members of the U. S. Senate, democrats as well as republicans, did adopt a resolution thanking ex-President Cleveland for arbitrarily interfering with local affairs, and against the protest of local authorities. Recent proceedings in this country prove that there should be a stronger government, but the safety of all depends upon the strict construction of the Constitution, and until that instrument be amended, according to the prescribed form, its provisions should be rigidly observed.

IT IS announced that Mr. Bonaparte, a prominent mugwump of Baltimore, is an aspirant for the seat in the U. S. Senate now occupied by Mr. Gorman. Though the mugwumps, during the Presidential campaign of last year, declared that they were not office seekers and would not accept office if offered to them, hardly had Mr. McKinley been elected before he was pelted from all parts of the country with their applications for lucrative positions. Of course no attention was paid to them, as was right and proper, and most of the applicants are now denouncing him, as is natural. Mr. Bonaparte, however, is the only one who, as far as heard of, has had enough barefaced effrontery to offer himself as a candidate for an elective office. But the self esteem of mugwumps is only equalled by their ridiculous absurdity. As they are neither flesh nor fowl, nor good nor better, nor common sense man would ever think of voting for one of them, for any mundane office.

ONE of the republican newspapers of Baltimore, in its editorial columns, says "a few republicans were allowed to vote in Virginia" at the recent election. Very few republicans did vote in Virginia to be sure, but Mr. Yost, a Virginia republican Congressman, in the Washington correspondence of the same paper, says that such was the case "is due to the fact that certain members of the Agnew organization sent out a secret circular to the colored voters, ordering them not to vote, and charging that if Colonel McCaul, our candidate for governor, was elected, it would mean the restoration of the whipping post. The result was, of course, that the black vote remained away from the polls." The correspondence and the editorials of the paper referred to are evidently not in accord.

CONGRESSMAN WALKER and Yost, of Virginia, republicans, notwithstanding the small vote the ticket they supported received at the recent election, are still unsatisfied, and their late convention having had such disastrous results by dividing their party, now want another one, to bring it together again. As they are out in the cold, and the Agnew wing is in comfortable quarters, and will be for nearly four years, it isn't at all probable that the latter, if wise, are going to divide the plunder with them, especially as they know full well that if the condition were reversed, no favors would be granted to them.

MR. HUNTER, of Kentucky, who has just been appointed minister to Guatemala and Honduras, says the recent overwhelming republican defeat in his State was due to the falling off in the negro vote of that State. The negroes are slowly finding out who are their real friends. The democrats don't promise them much, but that little, they give them; with the republicans, however, it is all promise, but nothing in reality. Kentucky republicans have been afforded another illustration of the fact that chickens come home to roost.

INTELLIGENCE from Spain is to the effect that the chief cause of complaint the people of that country have against this government is the fact that so many filibuster vessels are allowed to sail from its ports without the least apparent obstruction. If the negroes and scoundrels of Florida were in a state of insurrection against the government of the United States, what would the people of this country think of Spain, if she

allowed arms, ammunition and provisions to be sent from Cuba to the insurgents without hindrance?

MR. NORCROSS, the last republican candidate for Governor of Georgia, now advocates the deportation of the entire negro population of that State. But the democrats of a town in Alabama have just tendered the freedom of their town to Booker Washington, a prominent member of the negro race. Circumstances, however, alter cases with republicans as with all other people.

THAT General Miles, the commander of the army, who, it will never be forgotten, had President Davis chained to the floor, evidently thinks there will be war with Spain, is proved by the fact that in his annual report he recommends an addition to the army of two regiments of artillery.

AS THERE is no choice among rotten apples, the democrats of Ohio should have nothing to do with the election of a republican Senator in that State.

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9. The President has appointed John T. Wilder of Johnson City, Tenn., to be pension agent at Knoxville, Tenn.; Dwight Jarvis, appraiser of merchandise in the district of Tampa, Fla.; Eugene A. Webster, collector of internal revenue for the district of South Carolina. Also the following naval promotions: Capt. J. C. Watson, to be commander; Commander French E. Chadwick, to be captain; Lieutenant Commander Frederick M. Wise, to be commander.

Gen. Foster and Sir Julian Pauncefote conferred today as to the arrangements for the meeting of British, Canadian and American representatives relative to Bering sea. An understanding was reached that the arrival to-day of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian premier, and party, would permit the meeting to open on Thursday, as to-morrow is likely to be given to an exchange of views between the Canadians and British. The British ambassador will accompany the premier to the White House to-morrow morning and introduce him to the President. This will be a call of courtesy, however, and is not expected to carry of the pending questions will be referred to. The British embassy has extended an invitation to Sir Wilfrid to be a guest during his stay here, but he has determined to remain with the other Canadian representatives at the shore, where quarters have been engaged. The relations existing between Great Britain and Canada make it essential that all questions of an imperial character should be concluded by the direct representatives of the imperial government. At the same time the presence of the Canadian premier is expected to assist in reaching speedy conclusions, without the usual delays of acting through the British foreign office. The formal execution of these conclusions would devolve entirely on the imperial authorities in London, and their representative here, the British ambassador. It was said at the State Department to-day that the first object would be to reach a settlement on the Behring sea question, and with that out of the way there would be every disposition to favor a conference on border immigration, Canadian American interests, the Klondike, reciprocity, and the other questions which Sir Wilfrid and his associates regard as paramount to the Bering sea issue.

The full text of Spain's reply to the Woodford note was read at the Cabinet meeting today. Its tone was very pacific, and, instead of being at all warlike, was regarded by the Cabinet as very satisfactory and as calculated to allay any fear of a hostile outbreak. The Cabinet also gave consideration to the ice-bound Bering sea whaling fleet, and decided to send a revenue cutter to their relief.

A Loudoun county democrat here to-day says the new democratic committee of that county, elected last summer, met there yesterday and organized by the election of Mr. Dulany Bruin as president and Mr. Decatur Vandevanter as secretary.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Agnew wing of the republican party of Virginia was held at the Ebbitt House here at noon to-day, but after one o'clock, as Congressman Walker and Judge Waddell, two of the members, had not made their appearance, the meeting took a recess until three o'clock this evening. A good many office seekers from their State were at the Hotel Johnson, but few at the Ebbitt, as that house, some of them said, was a huckleberry above their person.

W. H. Hazen, chief of the government's secret service, has been notified of his speedy removal. He vainly imagined that his place was secured under the President's civil service order, but he, like all other officeholders with no "pulls," now knows that the civil service law is a delusion and a snare. A man named Porter of Chicago is spoken of as Hazen's probable successor.

The Washington and Alexandria electric railroad people here say they see by the Gazette that the authorities of that city propose making their trains stop at every street crossing there. They say that in order to shorten the time between the two cities, with as little inconvenience to travel as possible, they established three stations in Alexandria at some expense, but no profit to themselves, and that if they be compelled to stop at every street crossing, they will have to close the stations at Washington and Payne streets.

Robert L. Griffiths was appointed postmaster at Rye Valley, Va., to-day. The Navy Department has received a telegram announcing the death in New York of Admiral Alex. C. Rhind, retired. He entered the navy as a midshipman from Alabama in September, 1838, and took part against his State and section during the war between the States.

A crank appeared at the White House early to-day and demanded to see President McKinley. He said the President had not treated him right. He tried to go upstairs by the elevator, but was taken in charge by the officers. He broke away from them and tried to hide behind the conservatory and was then taken to the police station.

Capt. Pat McCull, the defeated republican candidate for Governor of Virginia, who is now here, says that in view of the comparatively large proportion he received of the whole vote polled in his State last Tuesday, the strength of the Agnew wing must be insignificant, or else that it defeated the regu-

lar republican ticket in the State, and that the members thereof can take either horn of the dilemma.

Among the visitors here to-day is ex-Congressman Bowen of Virginia. He is an applicant for the marshaling of the western district of his State, and is endorsed for it by both the republican Congressmen from his State, but the executive committee of the Agnew wing of his party has endorsed one of its own members, Mr. Brown Allen, for the place, and even Mr. Bowen now thinks their endorsement will be effective.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

A dispatch from Cleveland, O., says the chances of recovery of Major Buttrworth are now poor.

Mount Vesuvius is pouring out lava, which is flowing in streams in the direction of Vitrova and Piano del Inesiro.

Snow fell in Kingston, N. Y., yesterday for the first time this season. There were several heavy snow squalls in the Catskills.

The Philadelphia Common Council last night voted to accept the offer of the United Gas Improvement Company for leasing the city gas works.

United States Judge Jackson, in Martinsburg, W. Va., yesterday decided that gaugers and storekeepers are entitled to the protection of the civil service law.

The little band of missionaries connected with the Bowery Mission, New York, who are to cross the continent afoot, and go to the Klondike from San Francisco, started on their journey yesterday afternoon.

The cashier of the Ohio National Bank, of Washington, Mr. William Oscar Roome, announces that the bank is about to go into voluntary liquidation, and that it will immediately thereafter resume business as a savings bank.

The annual convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will begin in Baltimore to-morrow and will probably be in session three days. The session will be held at the Lehmann's Hall, and will be presided over by the president, Mrs. Fitzhugh Lee, of Virginia.

Henry Smith, a young man who lived at Garretttsville, O., was assaulted yesterday by a gang of tramps on a freight train, robbed of a small sum of money and then thrown from the train, which passed over his legs, cutting off both of them. Smith lived but a short time after being hurt.

At the solicitation of Senora Emilia Quesada, Captain General Blanco freed her son, Julio Ortega Quesada, a nephew of Senor Gonzalo Quesada, of the Cuban Junta at New York, who was sentenced as a traitor. The young man's father, Senor Ortega Quesada, is dead. Julio is 21 years of age.

The Methodist ministers in Baltimore yesterday decided to defer the agitation of the question of elective equality and equal representation in the general conference of that denomination until the next year, as the subject of the agitation, written on the subject of the agitation, by Bishop McCabe, were read at the meeting of the ministers.

In Havana yesterday Gen. Blanco signed a proclamation granting pardon to all persons sentenced in Cuba for rebellion against Spain, provided that their sentences were based upon the general sentence of rebellion in the United States. The pardon was granted to all persons sentenced in Cuba for rebellion against Spain, provided that their sentences were based upon the general sentence of rebellion in the United States.

SHOT AND KILLED IN CHURCH. On Sunday morning, in the little hamlet of Muddlety, situated deep in the mountain fastnesses of Nicholas county, W. Va., occurred a battle to the death between U. S. deputy marshals and a gang of desperadoes. For the past three years Milton Hickman and his followers have been terrorizing the two Virginians, and although pursued constantly by the aid of friends succeeded in evading the officers. They have looted almost every postoffice and store on the border, and by their daring had so completely intimidated the natives that they, through fear, often times sheltered them when hotly pursued. Sunday last Deputy Marshal H. W. Rader and Arch McCullough, who were attending a protracted meeting in the village church at Muddlety, and immediately deputized a posse of eight of the more fearless mountaineers, who quietly advanced on the church and surrounded the edifice. Just as the preacher was about to announce the doxology, Marshal Rader stepped to the door and demanded the instant surrender of Hickman. The letter and two of his followers, who were seekers at the altar, rushed for their Winchester rifles, and immediately began firing. With the first volley, Marshal Rader fell dangerously wounded, but throughout the conflict that ensued directed the movements of the posse. Out of sympathy a number of mountaineers in the congregation joined the cause of Hickman, and, as all were armed, the situation became very serious. At the end, Hickman, who was foremost in the fight, fell, pierced by several bullets. He expired in the arms of his sweetheart, who encouraged him throughout the battle for his life and freedom. His followers weakened immediately, and after a few straggling shots ceased firing. The outlaws were placed under arrest at once and are now in jail at Somersville, the county seat. One woman in the congregation was shot through the neck and the arm of her infant was shot off. Besides Marshal Rader, three members of the posse were wounded, but it is not known how seriously.

SET FREE.—Paul Davis, colored, who had been sentenced to nine years imprisonment in the penitentiary, having been found guilty by a jury of committing an assault on Cora Twitchell, appeared in the Henrico county court yesterday with his counsel, who had made application for a new trial. The court granted the motion, whereupon the commonwealth's attorney entered a nolle prosequi. Davis was at once set free, and left the courthouse for his home in that county. This is the sequel to the assault in the Hastings court a few days ago of Carlos Twitchell, who shot Davis after his arrest for assaulting Cora Twitchell, a young white girl.

BUCKLIN'S ARNICA SALVE.

THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fayer Sores, Tetters, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Ernest L. Allen.

SPRINGFIELD, Prince George's county, Md., November 5, 1897.

MORE GOLD.—A dispatch from Fort Yukon, Alaska, to the Baltimore Sun says: After a few days of exploring Klondike proper and the famous gulches are tributary to it, the same conclusion is reached that every man who has been on the ground has reached, and that it, that almost every foot of soil in the district contains gold and the streams and gulches had fortunes for thousands.

The districts which have been prospected have all been found to be rich. They vary in degrees of richness, but so do the individual claims. The truth is that no man knows nearly how full of gold this whole country is. There never has been a case where systematic, steady prospecting here did not reveal gold in paying quantities.

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VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mrs. Rebecca Hite, widow of Daniel Hite, of Page county, died at her home on Mill Run, on Saturday night.

Rev. P. D. Thompson, rector of the Episcopal Church at Wickliffe, Clarke county, has accepted a call to the church at Newmarket, Md.

Samuel Kaufman, dealer in shoes, and J. T. Greenwald, clothing and gentlemen's furnishings, made assignments in Richmond yesterday.

The second annual exhibition of the Shenandoah Valley Poultry and Pigeon Association will be held in Winston Hall, Berryville, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, of this week.

Cards are out at Lynchburg for the marriage of Miss Julia Halsey Meem, daughter of Gen. John C. Meem, and Mr. Randolph Harrison, a prominent attorney and ex-member of the Legislature.

Wild turkeys are reported to be plentiful in many parts of the contiguous counties to Fredericksburg. A Staffordian reports seeing two large flocks while coming from his home to Fredericksburg.

A special term of the Circuit Court of Clarke county has been fixed by Judge T. W. Harrison to meet January 6, 1898. Judge C. E. Nicol, of the eleventh judicial circuit, will preside, and the court will be occupied in hearing the case of George C. Riceomore et al. vs. the Berryville Land and Improvement Company—a relic of the "boom" of 1890-91, and other cases in which Judge Harrison had an interest.

At Roanoke yesterday morning the clothing of a 6-year-old child, the daughter of Mrs. Thomas H. Stephens, caught fire. Before the flames were under control the unfortunate little girl was fearfully burned about the body, arms and face. Medical aid was summoned, but nothing could be done to relieve the little one. She died about three hours after the accident. The accident was caused by the little girl pouring oil on kindling wood and touching a match to it.

REMARKABLE RING STORY.

To the Editor of the Baltimore Sun: Several days ago I read in the Sun an account of the recovery of a ring which his owner, Mr. T. M. Williams, of Chicago, had lost while serving in the union army in Virginia more than thirty years ago. The story recalls to my mind perhaps the most remarkable example I have ever known of recovery.

Several years ago my brother, Thos. D. Addison, of Fairfax, Va., noticed a bright object glittering in the hoof of one of his cows, and supposing it to be a piece of glass that had become wedged into the hoof, and that it might injure the cow's foot, he proceeded to extract the object with his pocket knife. After digging away at it for some time, to the great surprise of my brother he took out a beautiful and heavy gold ring of peculiar design and workmanship, and set with a very valuable stone. Upon being cleaned both the ring and the setting were found to be in perfect condition. Inside the ring was engraved a motto in Spanish, together with the name "Lieutenant Hunt, U. S. Army, city of Mexico, 1848."

Wishing to restore the ring to its original owner if possible, my brother reported the case to the war office at Washington, where he was informed that Lieutenant Hunt, who served in the U. S. army during the Mexican war, afterward became Brigadier General Hunt of the civil war, and at one time was camped with his brigade at Fairfax station. It was also learned at the War Department that Gen. Hunt had recently died, but that his widow was still alive and residing in Washington. The address of Mrs. Hunt was procured, and she was written to about the long-lost relic. In her reply she gave a complete description of the ring, together with its history, and it was thereupon returned to her.

Her husband, then Lieutenant Hunt, with General Scott's army when it entered the City of Mexico, in 1848. Before leaving there Lieutenant Hunt and two of his comrades each had a ring made to order, each being alike, and each bearing the same motto, which they wished to preserve as souvenirs of the Mexican war.

During the civil war, some fifteen or sixteen years later, Lieutenant Hunt, then a brigadier general, United States army, as above stated, was camped on the farm near Fairfax station, Va., now owned by my brother. The General was writing at a table in his tent on one occasion, and being called out unintentionally left his ring lying on the table where he had placed it. Upon his return he found the ring missing, and all efforts to recover it or to obtain any clue to its whereabouts were fruitless. The General, with deep regret, came to the conclusion that his valuable and highly prized souvenir of the Mexican war had been stolen, but, as the sequel shows, it is all probability not so. The ring had been found and had fallen from the table, and upon being stepped upon was pressed into the soft earth and completely hidden from sight, where it lay until picked up by the hoof of a cow, a quarter of a century later while she was grazing over the very spot where it was lost.

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TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Foreign News.

LONDON, Nov. 9.—The birthday of the Prince of Wales was celebrated to-day with the usual flag hoisting, bell ringing and artillery salutes. He was born November 9, 1841.

LONDON, Nov. 9.—A letter from Vienna says the published reports of the political situation in the Austrian Empire convey no adequate idea of the chaos prevailing. "Badeni must go" is the general war cry now, and his downfall is considered inevitable, regardless of the outcome of the present fight between the Germans and the Czechs.

LONDON, Nov. 9.—Mr. August Belmont's baby dilly Sovereign won the Gatterham Maiden two-year-old plate.

Chinese as Miners.

STREATOR, Ill., Nov. 9.—The announcement that Chinamen would be placed in the mines of the northern Illinois coal field has caused immense excitement here and a call has been issued for a convention of miners to be held next Wednesday. The meeting will be of tremendous importance to miners throughout the State, as it is claimed that if Chinamen are allowed to go to work here and elsewhere the price will be again forced down. The Chinese question means to Streator also the displacement of about three thousand men.

The news that Chinamen are to be imported into the mines at Carbon Hill, Spring Valley, Ill., is not considered very seriously at that place. The Coolies do not interest the men as much as the reported settlement at Praceville, where it is stated the miners have accepted the operators' offer.

Uxoricide.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—Charles Schlegel murdered his wife Caroline in their home in east Seventy-seventh street to-day by shooting her behind the left ear. Death was almost instantaneous. Schlegel then tried to kill himself with a shoemaker's knife, hacking his left arm and causing a severe wound. He was placed under arrest before he could accomplish his purpose. A son, Charles, 15 years of age, who was a witness of the father's crime, says that his mother had been accused by his father of being too frequently in the company of other men. The father, according to the son, often threatened his wife. Charles is a son of a former wife of the man.

Yellow Fever.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 9.—At 10 o'clock this morning one new case and two deaths from yellow fever were reported. All interest in the fever has about died out. From all infected points the same diminution in the disease has been reported, and it is expected that the next cold spell will wipe out the pestilence entirely. To-day is bleak and cold. Prospects for a real cold spell are excellent and in anticipation the merchants throughout the city are preparing for a rush of business.

MOBILE, Ala., Nov. 9.—Yellow fever—new cases 7, deaths 2.

Klondike's Wealth.

BUTTE, Mont., Nov. 9.—Eli J. Gage, son of Secretary Gage, passed through here yesterday on his return from Dawson City. He says that the stories of the wealth of the Klondike have not been exaggerated and that the first boat down in the spring will bring at least \$15,000,000 in gold. Mr. Gage looks for other discoveries in that country equally as rich as the Klondike. He says there are at present about 7,000 people in Dawson City and he predicts that there will be a great deal of suffering from the fact that many men rushed in there without sufficient provisions to last them over winter.

The Goldsuppse Murder Case.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—When court convened this morning in Long Island City for the trial of the Goldsuppse case District Attorney Youngs opened for the prosecution. He recited all the incidents which form the chain of evidence upon which the State expects to obtain the conviction of Thornd and, later, that of his alleged accomplice, Mrs. Nack. During the entire time Thornd kept his eyes fixed on the prosecutor, but his face did not betray the slightest emotion.

Lord Mayor's Day.

LONDON, Nov. 9.—In spite of a thick drizzle and a heavy fog, the ancient custom of presenting the elected chief magistrate of London to the representatives of the sovereign and to the representatives of the people was observed to-day. The usual throngs of people lined the route and the decorations were more profuse than usual. They consisted mainly of triumphal arches, venetian masts, floral festoons and a liberal display of bunting.

Southern Surgeons.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 9.—President George B. Johnston, M. D., of Richmond, Va., called to order the 10th annual meeting of the Southern Surgical and Gynecological Association which convened to-day at the Southern Hotel. Many prominent men of medicine were present from different parts of the country. To-day's programme contains a brilliant array of interesting papers.

Contest Over a Will.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 9.—A contest has been begun over the will of Mrs. Lydia A. Spaulding, formerly manager of the Bella Vista Hotel. The contestants are eastern relatives of the deceased who claim that undue influence was exercised over Mrs. Spaulding by Mrs. Augusta F. Tracy and Mrs. Mary P. Marshall, who prejudiced her against them. The estate is valued at about \$70,000.

Gone to the Happy Hunting Grounds.

TOMAH, Wis., Nov. 9.—Ah-Oh-Choo-Kah (Artichoke), the oldest member of his tribe, is dead. "Artichoke" was a Winnebago Indian and has been a medicine man of the tribe for many years. His age is given from 105 to 125 years. He was a brother of Chief Dandy, who was a power and ruler over the tribe fifty years ago.

Asphyxiated by Gas.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 9.—John H. Mooney, Kate Mooney, his wife, and Michael D. Roney, Mrs. Mooney's brother, have been found dead in their beds, asphyxiated by gas. They were in comfortable financial circumstances and it is believed the gas was left open accidentally.

A CARD.

To the Editor of the Alexandria Gazette: We desire to correct a statement made in the Gazette of yesterday. The Alexandria Gymnasium was not open on Sunday. Because miscreants managed in an underhanded way to gain entrance thereto and use the apparatus to the desecration of the Sabbath, it does not follow that the gymnasium was open.

Respectfully,
THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Secretary of War Alger will ask Congress for two additional regiments of artillery to man seacoast defenses.

A. W. Schevenell & Co., wholesale grocers of Memphis, Tenn., assigned this morning. Liabilities \$34,500.

A bulletin issued in Cleveland, Ohio, this evening reports Mr. Butterworth's condition as not quite so favorable but that he is in no immediate danger.

The general assembly of the Knights of Labor was called to order at Louisville, Ky., this morning by Master J. R. Sovereign. About eighty delegates were present and forty or fifty more are expected between this time and to-morrow noon.

A special from Pineville, Ky., says: Andrew Vaughn, a prominent farmer, and his wife were found by neighbors in their house in a dying condition this morning. It is supposed Vaughn became mentally unbalanced and while in this State shot his wife and then himself.

In response to an order, Captain Wright and Lieutenant Cavanaugh with fifteen men from Fort Duchesne have arrived at White Rocks, Utah. The reason, it is reported, is a rumor that the Indians are leaving the reservation in bands of two and three and returning to Colorado to avenge the massacre of their comrades there.

The annual meeting of the general committee of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society was concluded at the Hanson Place M. E. Church today. Bishop W. F. Mallie, of Boston, presided at the business meeting. The question of the liquidation of \$25,000 indebtedness to the Methodist Book Concern was referred to a finance committee of five appointed by the chair.

Governor Griggs, of New Jersey, to-day appointed William H. Vredenburg, of Monmouth county, as a judge of the Court of Errors and Appeals, in place of the late Judge Dayton.

CARNIVAL WEEK.—The great gala week carnival began in Jacksonville, Fla., yesterday auspiciously with clear sky and bracing air. Thousands of people from all parts of Florida are thronging thither in the spirit of harvest festival, as a beginning of what will surely be one of the most prosperous winter seasons ever known to the State. All of the business thoroughfares of the city are resplendent with a profusion of flags, bunting, evergreens and artistically arranged electric lights, bands of music and throngs of people. All the incoming trains are filled, and the largest crowd ever in Jacksonville will be present. The sports to-day included the annual parade and competitive contests of the State Firemen's Association for which there are numerous entries, and to-night a big illuminated trades parade will take place. The bicycle races on Wednesday will be the most interesting meet ever held in the South.

NORFOLK'S CONSPIRACY CASE.—Argument in the Hall-Cannon Smith conspiracy case was closed in Norfolk yesterday, and Judge Hancock's decision is now awaited with the keenest interest. Mr. Eston Randolph, for the defense, alluded to the southern sentiment that convicted a man in advance charged with any crime affecting a woman's honor. Judge D. Tucker Brooke closed for the defense in an able argument. He said that he did not condone or countenance the action of his clients, but that they, being charged with conspiracy to defraud a young wife, must be proved guilty of that, and not of reprehensible conduct. He held that the only conspiracy which had been proven was one against the good name, but not the chastity, of the child wife. Captain Alfred P. Thom closed for the prosecution in one of the ablest arguments ever heard in Norfolk and the case was then submitted.

SENSATION AT ATLANTA.—Patrolman T. Ponder was killed in Atlanta last night at 7 o'clock while he was chasing a supposed burglar. Early yesterday morning the business of L. Steinau, a wholesale whiskey dealer, was placed in the hands of a receiver, and Officer Ponder knew the house had been closed by the sheriff when he saw a man enter the building. On giving chase the officer was shot and killed. The police intimate that some member of the firm endeavoring to secure money from the vault, entered, and finding himself discovered killed the only eye witness, who was Officer Ponder. Steinau was immediately placed under arrest and is now being subjected to a critical examination. Other members of the firm are under arrest and the investigation has created a tremendous sensation in the city.

A BOY RECOVERS HIS SPEECH.—Samuel Johnson, aged 11 years, son of David Johnson, of Phillipsburg, N. J., recovered his speech yesterday through fright. Three years ago he was so frightened by the appearance of a surgeon who was to operate on him that he could not speak or hear. His hearing returned but not his power of speech. Yesterday morning he went into the yard before daylight. He thought he saw a ghost and ran screaming into the house. When called it was found that he could talk. He had been frightened by a rosbush covered with a white cloth to protect it from frost.

THE MOTHER OF SEVENTEEN.—Congratulations are being showered on Charles H. Reed, at Shamokin, Pa., a conductor on the Northern Central Railroad, upon the advent of another branch to gladden his home and break the monotony of protracted slumber. Mrs. Reed yesterday presented him with their seventeenth child. Parent and offspring are doing well.

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THE POTOMAC TO BLAME.—Investigation by the Baltimore steamboat inspectors of the collision between the steamer Potomac and the schooner Three Brothers near Seven-Foot Knoll some weeks ago, resulting in the sinking of the Three Brothers and the loss of her captain, finds the pilot of the steamer at fault, although the schooner's helmsman was not blameless altogether. For his unskillful navigation the Treasury Department has revoked the pilot's license, the result of which will be that he is suspended until the time it expires, after which he may make application again for a navigators' license. The pilot in charge of the Potomac at the time of the accident was John B. Douglas.

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